



## California Department of Fish and Game Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts Program 2008 Fall Wild Turkey Hunt Opportunities



These hunt opportunities are being offered by the DFG through its Game Bird Heritage Program. To allow a maximum number of hunters to participate, applicants may be drawn only once per game species for all special hunts during the 2008 season. Only permit holders will be allowed to hunt. To apply fill out the appropriate 2008 Special Hunt Application and mail in before the hunt deadline. Applications are available for downloading on the DFG website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird/>. Applications should be mailed to: Department of Fish & Game, GBH Special Hunts, 1812 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

**New this year, hunters may also apply using the online application process To access the electronic form visit our website at:**  
**[www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird)**

**Lake Mendocino, Mendocino Co.** – The DFG, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is sponsoring several special hunts for wild turkeys this fall at Lake Mendocino. One general hunt will take place **Nov. 15-16** and one apprentice hunt for juniors will take place **Nov. 8-9**. Junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age. For safety reasons only five hunters are drawn per hunt date. Shotguns or air rifles firing pellets powered by compressed air or gas (0.02 caliber minimum) may be used to take turkeys. All successful applicants must check in at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Office (USACE) Park Office, 1160 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482-9404, the day prior to the event (7:45 AM- 4:30 PM), or the day of the event (7:45 AM-9:00 AM) only. The Wildlife area is accessed by boat-in or walk-in. No vehicle or horse-in hunting is allowed. Additional information may be obtained on the check-in process, Park rules, parking, boat launching, accessing the designated hunt area, or obtaining maps of the Lake Mendocino Park by contacting the USACE Park Office at (707) 462-7581 or on the internet at <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/mendocino/hunting.htm>.

**Lake Sonoma, Sonoma Co.** – The DFG, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is sponsoring two special two-day turkey hunts this fall at Lake Sonoma. A Fall Turkey Hunt for Adults will be held Saturday, Nov. 15 and Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008. An Apprentice Fall Turkey Hunt for Juniors will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 and Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008. Fifteen (15) hunters will be drawn for each two-day hunt period, each hunter may take one (1) hunting guest. Junior hunters must possess a junior hunting license, and may take either another licensed junior hunter or a licensed adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Only permit holders will be allowed to hunt. These hunts remain very popular with hunters. Overall success rates for the 2007/2008 Lake Sonoma Turkey Hunts was 24.50%. Junior hunters took 5 turkeys for 27 hunters or 18.50% success and adult hunters took 8 turkeys for 26 hunters for 31.00% success. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Mgmt section, at (707) 944-5537 or (209) 948-7430.